

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the following version in which claims 1-7 have been amended and claim 8 is newly added.

1. (Currently Amended) An assembly of cable connectors, comprising:
 - at least two cable connectors each of the connectors including a cable holder [(100)] for holding at least one cable [(12)] in a preselected regular position, the cable [(12)] including a plurality of conductors [(12a)], conductive terminals nodes [(112, 114)] respectively connected to conductors [(12a)] extending out of said cable [(12)] and extending out of the cable holder, and insulative housing [(210, 250)] that holds said cable holder [(100)] and terminals [(112, 114)], the housing [(210, 250)] including a mating face for mating with an opposing mating connector, a conductive grounding shell [(310, 320, 330)] covering upper and lower surfaces of said housing [(210, 250)]; and,
 - stacking means for stacking the two cable connectors together as a unit of connectors, the stacking means including stacking protuberances [(406, 408, 412)] protruding outwardly from opposite sides of said connector housings;
 - a pair of wings [(414a)] extending from said conductive grounding shell [(310, 320, 330)] in lateral directions along at least two of said protuberances [(408, 412)]; and,
 - at least one clamping member [(400)] engaging said two connector housings and holding them together as a unit of connectors, the clamping member [(400)] including a body portion having a height equal to a height of said two connector housings, the clamping member body portion including pair of spaced-apart horizontal clamping groove [(410)], each of the clamping grooves receiving at least one stacking protuberance and one grounding shell wing therein from different connector housings, [characterized in that:] each of the conductive grounding shells [(310, 320, 330)] includes an upper shell plate [(310)] and a lower shell plate [(330)] which are mechanically and electrically connected together by at least one integral bridge [(330)] so as to provide an electrical shield that substantially surrounds the housing [(210, 250)] of each of the cable connectors.
2. (Currently Amended) A connector assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the

stacking means further includes a plurality of first [(406)] and third [(408)] stacking protuberances disposed on opposite sides of each of said connector housings [(210, 250)] and flanking second stacking protuberances [(412)], and said clamping member includes a plurality of clamp grooves [(410)], the holding protuberances [(406, 408, 412)] being received within the clamp grooves [(410)], each of said clamp grooves [(410)] having a configuration corresponding to the configuration of said holding protuberances.

3. (Currently Amended) A connector assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said clamping member [(400)] includes at least one separation surface [(402)] disposed on each of said clamping member body portions and interposed between adjacent clamping grooves [(410)] thereof, the separation surface [(402)] providing a means by which said clamping member [(400)] may be divided into sub-clamping members.
4. (Currently Amended) A connector assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said clamping member [(400)] is made from a synthetic resin.
5. (Currently Amended) A connector assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein said grounding shell [(310, 320, 330)] includes distinct upper and lower grounding arms [(312, 322)] and said grounding shell wings [(414a, 414b)] extend outwardly from opposite sides of each of said upper and lower grounding plates [(310, 320)] proximate to said stacking protuberances [(406, 408, 412)].
6. A connector assembly as claimed in claim 5, wherein said grounding shell wings [(414a)] of said upper grounding plate [(310)] are aligned with said grounding shell wings [(414b)] of said lower grounding plate [(320)].
7. (Currently Amended) A connector assembly as claimed in [any of claims 1, 5 or 7] claim 1, wherein said grounding shell arms [(312, 322)] have an L-shaped configuration.
8. (Newly Added) A connector assembly as claimed in claim 5, wherein said grounding shell arms [(312, 322)] have an L-shaped configuration.